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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination, and is responsive to the Office Action dated June 26, 2002. A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 12, 2002, making the two-month date to file an Appeal Brief or take other action February 12, 2003. A Petition for a five-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before July 12, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.